AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 70, 71, 76 and 77.

Claims 1-68 (Canceled).

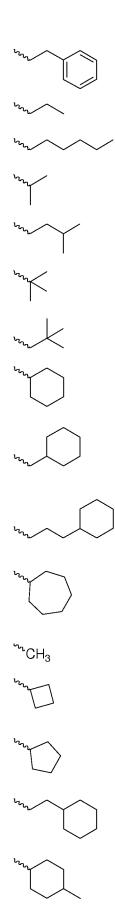
69. (Currently amended) An isolated agent comprising the core structure TPI 927 having the formula:

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wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of



wherein said agent derepresses an inhibitor of apoptosis protein- (IAP-) inhibited caspase.

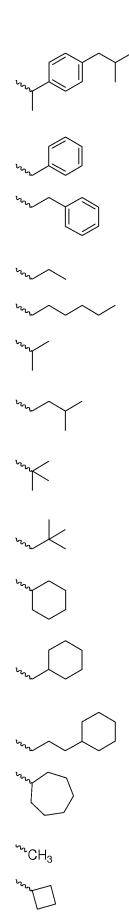
70. (Canceled)

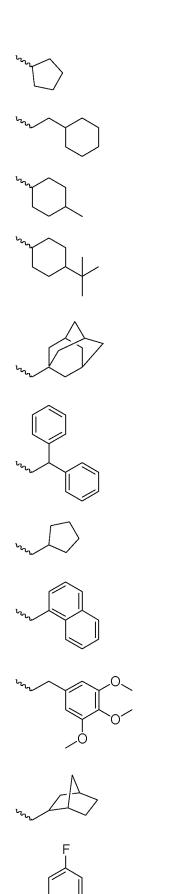
- 71. (Canceled)
- 72. (Currently amended) The agent of any of claims claim 69 to 71, wherein said agent derepresses an X chromosome linked IAP- (XIAP-) inhibited caspase.
- 73. (Currently amended) The agent of any of claims claim 69 to 71, wherein said agent derepresses an XIAP-inhibited caspase-3.
- 74. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the agent of elaims claim 69 to 71 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 75. (Currently amended) A complex comprising an IAP bound to an agent comprising the core structure TPI 927 having the formula

wherein R₁ is selected from the group consisting of

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of

 R_3 is selected from the group consisting of





- 76. (Canceled)
- 77. (Canceled)
- 78. (Currently amended) The complex of any of claims claim 75 to 77 75, wherein said IAP is selected from the group consisting of XIAP, c-IAP-1, c-IAP-2, and survivin.
 - 79. (Previously presented) The complex of claim 78, wherein said IAP is XIAP.
 - 80. (Previously presented) The complex of claim 78, wherein said IAP is c-IAP-1.
 - 81. (Previously presented) The complex of claim 78, wherein said IAP is c-IAP-2.
 - 82. (Previously presented) The complex of claim 78, wherein said IAP is survivin.
- 83. (Currently amended) A method of derepressing an IAP-inhibited caspase, comprising contacting an IAP-inhibited caspase with an effective amount of the agent of any of claims claim 69-71 to derepress an IAP-inhibited caspase.
- 84. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 83, wherein said IAP is selected from the group consisting of XIAP, c-IAP-1, c-IAP-2, and survivin.
- 85. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 83, wherein said caspase is selected from the group consisting of caspase-3, caspase-7 and caspase-9.
 - 86. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 83, wherein said contacting is performed in vitro.
 - 87. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 83, wherein said contacting occurs in a cell.

Please add the following new claims.

88. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_1 is

- 89. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_1 is \sim OH
- 90. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_1 is

91. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_1 is

92. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_1 is

93. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_1 is

94. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_2 is



95. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_2 is

96. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_2 is

97. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_2 is

98. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₂ is

99. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_3 is

100. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

101. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

102. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

103. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

104. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

105. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

106. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

107. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is



108. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

109. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

110. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

- 111. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is
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 112. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is
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- 113. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_3 is
- 114. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_3 is
- 115. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_3 is
- 116. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_3 is
- 117. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_3 is ${}^{\mbox{\tiny th}}CH_3$

118. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

119. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

120. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

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121. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

122. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

123. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

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124. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

125. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

126. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

127. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R_3 is

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128. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

129. (New) The isolated agent of claim 69, wherein R₃ is

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